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Women's Basketball Player
Demetress Adams:

Up & close personal

The movers and shakers of USC answer your burning questions for our reporters.

The Daily Gamecock: What was your favorite part of the basketball season?

Demetress Adams: I would say towards the preseason, even though preseason we're doing a lot of running, because I think our team was so inspired. We had so many returning players and we had such a great year before that. I think that was the highlight — that everybody was so inspired for this year.

TDG: What do you like most about playing basketball?

Adams: I mean just the adrenaline, the feeling. Just being able to display your skills on the floor and to have thousands of people watching, whether on T.V. or in the stands, that's just a great feeling. That inspires a lot of women basketball players to keep going to display their skills.

TDG: What are your hobbies and interests?

Adams: Of course I like to play basketball. I like to hangout with my teammates, my family, I like to go to the movies. I love to eat, shop and get my hair done.

TDG: If you could visit any city in the world, what city would you travel to and why?

Adams: If I could visit any city right now it would be Los Angeles or maybe San Francisco because we went there in January to play Stanford. It was so pretty, fun, much to do and I just love the atmosphere there. I think I would probably go back.

TDG: What pushes you to perform at your best in basketball?

Adams: I think fear of failure really pushed me, and the willingness to achieve a goal I've set for myself. I think that really pushed me. Sometimes it makes me a perfectionist and it makes me inspired and work harder. When you have a desire to do something you're going to lay it on the line. I think that is what I've done with my career thus far.

TDG: Why do you think being on top of your game is important?

Adams: For one, you always want to represent yourself and your teammates on the court, and basketball is a team sport so when one person is not on their game, you're letting the other four people down. Secondly, you always want to be on top of

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JAY LAURA ARRESTED AT CAROLINA CUP RACE

Ryan James
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Student Body Vice President Jay Laura, a third-year international studies student, was arrested March 31 at the Carolina Cup horse race in Camden for disorderly conduct, according to a Kershaw

County police report.

The report indicated Laura was using alcohol and said he "was highly intoxicated at the Carolina Cup."

The report said Laura was 21 at the time of his arrest, but his facebook profile indicates that his 21st

birthday was Wednesday.

No other suspects were listed in the report.

Arresting officer John Sims, who works for Leslie M. Stover Middle School, was not available for comment.

Laura declined to comment.



Special to THE DAILY GAMECOCK

T-shirts speak out for violence

Clothesline Project helps educate students on sexual attacks

Kathleen Kemp
STAFF WRITER

Students on their way to indulge in chicken fingers or check out this week's installment of "Wacky Wednesday" probably noticed lines of T-shirts on makeshift clotheslines suspended over Greene Street.

The shirts, more than 170 in total, were part of SHARE's Clothesline Project.

Lindsey Sheeley, a third-year women's studies student, coordinated the Clothesline Project as a SHARE peer.

"Clothesline is a way for students and people in the community to speak out," Sheeley said.

The Clothesline Project was held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday. SHARE used clothespins to hang up multicolored T-shirts, each painted by a student. The shirt designs were open-ended, as long as they had to do with sexual violence prevention.

Each color T-shirt symbolized a different type of victim from purple for people abused for their sexuality, to pink for violence against women. The mostly painted and drawn designs ranged from victim anecdotes to violence statistics.

Many shirts told stories, such as the tale of a teammate raped while her parents were forced to watch or a sibling

who was sorry for seeing his gay brother beaten and not saying anything.

"Over 100 T-shirts were made," Sheeley said. "For some people it's a really personal thing."

"It's about raising awareness — one in four women will be sexually assaulted in their college career," Sheeley said.

Randy RaShad Gaines, a third-year sports and entertainment management student, said this was his second year seeing the project.

"It's very sad, but it's important as a male to see [things like this]," Gaines said. "It encourages me to continue to be a good guy."

Sheeley said that part of the campaign this year focused on knowing the definition of consent since over 80 percent of rape is acquaintance rape. Consent for sexual activity is not valid unless both partners are conscious and free to act of their own accord.

"This year has been phenomenal, there's no other way to explain it," Sheeley said. "Student response has been phenomenal."

Sheeley hoped students left the display feeling more aware of the violence that goes on and hopefully excited to join an organization that fights it, like SHARE.

Most of the shirts were made at SHARE painting sessions, through residence halls or through student organizations like Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance or BGLSA.

Sheeley said the quality of the shirts this year was



Ashton Vazquez / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Over 170 T-shirts were painted and displayed on Greene Street to raise awareness.

amazing.

"It's hard to pick my favorite," Sheeley said. "People will just stand out here and cry."

Sheeley, who is a survivor of sexual assault herself, made one of the shirts reading: "I am no longer afraid of storms, I am learning to sail

my ship." However, she said the beauty of the project is that its message can resonate with all people, whether or not they have a history of sexual assault.

"I don't think you have to be a survivor for you to be affected," Sheeley said. "So many people I know have

been affected by my story alone."

Aaron Soehl, a third-year sociology student, said the display hit close to home.

"I work with kids who are mostly abused, so I'm already inundated with this

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Kelly Bobrow / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Wednesday's fashion show was presented by Kappa Alpha Psi.

HIV/AIDS awareness takes center stage at fashion show

Klassik Kouture Love was filled with fashion, music, dance

Leslie Bennett
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Students ripped the runway with fashion, music, dance and poetry in the name of HIV and AIDS awareness as part of Kappa Alpha Psi's fraternity week.

The event, titled Klassik Kouture Love, was free but donations were accepted on behalf of the HIV and AIDS Council of Columbia.

A number of students did not even realize the event was

held to raise HIV and AIDS awareness. Alex Kinlaw, a second-year political science student, said he was just there to see the models.

"People told me there was a fashion show but they didn't say anything about it being for HIV and AIDS awareness," Kinlaw said. "It was on the flyer, but it was in small writing at the bottom."

Todd Reese, a fourth-year education student, agreed with Kinlaw about the small print.

"The main attraction was the fashion show itself," Reese said. "People may or may not have known about the donations to the council, but once they came to the show, they realized the real

reason for the show and were enlightened."

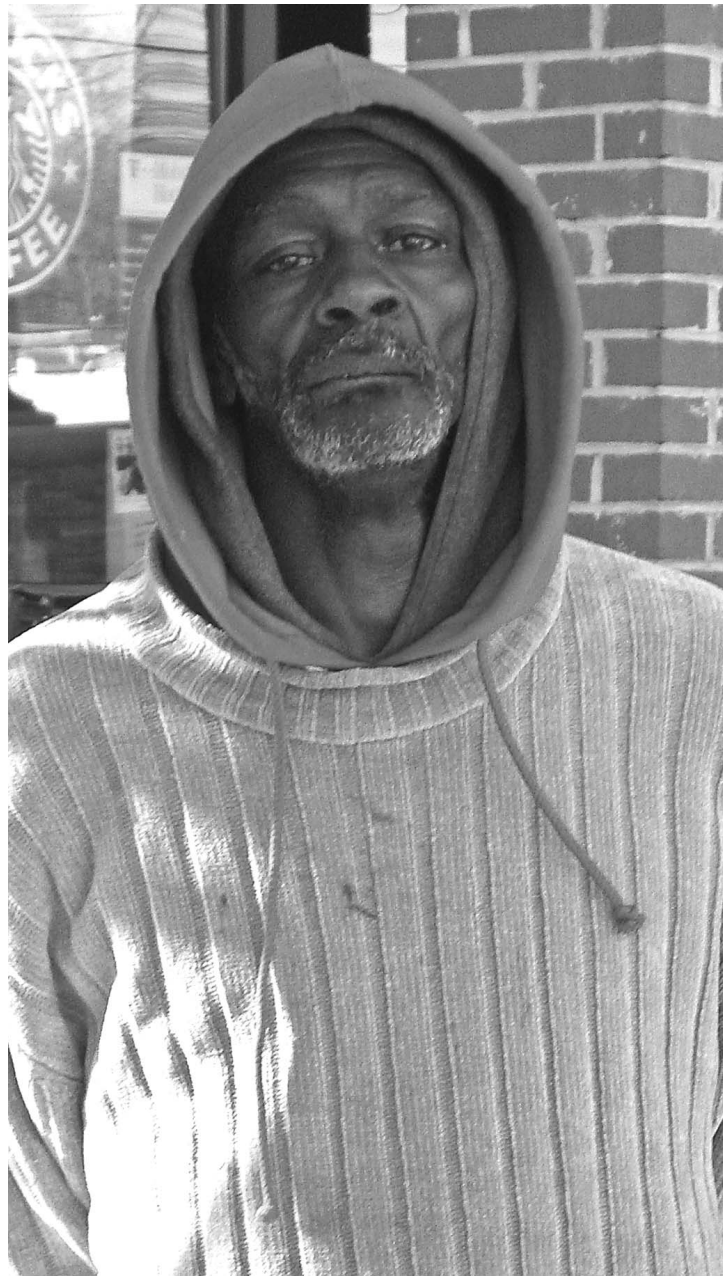
Other students knew about the fundraiser part of the event. Keith Rasberry, a second-year computer science student at Tuskegee University, said it was clear.

"One of my friends, who helped coordinate the event, mentioned it several times," Rasberry said.

According to the USC Campus Wellness Program Web site, <http://sa.sc.edu/Wellness/mhc.html>, South Carolina ranked 6th in the nation for AIDS cases in 2001. The site also pointed out that three out of four people infected with HIV/

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Homeless shelter closed for spring



Michael Stevens / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

There are roughly 5,000 homeless people in Columbia.

*Lack of resources
make year-round
center unavailable*

Rebecca Wilson
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Spring coming to Columbia is a cause for celebration for some, but for the homeless it means they are without a place to sleep. The city closed its winter shelter March 31.

"There is only enough money to support a winter shelter," said Mike Lee, director of Indigent Services for Columbia. "We need [a year-round shelter], but the resources are not there."

With weekend forecasts showing a drop into the 30s at night, Lee is concerned for those who will be unable to find a warm place to be. He is currently negotiating with the city parks and recreation buildings used as overflow during the winter to open their doors this weekend to those who don't want to sleep on the streets.

Seven years ago, a homeless man named Byron Wingate froze to death on the streets of Columbia, Lee said, calling the city's attention to the needs of the homeless in Columbia and forcing a movement to open a winter shelter.

However, the shelter is only

open during the winter and that is something Lee feels needs to be addressed.

Lee said it is simply not enough to keep people warm in the winter, when homelessness affects people throughout the year. He added that it is not enough to simply offer shelter.

"Sheltering keeps people homeless; it doesn't get them 'homed,'" he said.

The goal of the Homeless Service Center, headed by Lee, is to get people "moved from homelessness to what I like to call 'homed,'" Lee said.

At the service center people can take showers, pick up clothing vouchers to be used at Cooperative Services, make connections with services like Goodwill, job connections, Veterans services, healthcare and Social Services.

"Lives are changed here," Lee said.

However, with the closing of the winter shelter, the Homeless Service Center is also technically closed, since their offices are run out of the same building.

But Lee is working to continue to offer as many services as possible. He said there needs to be a permanent place for the service center in order to serve the homeless of Columbia better.

"Just because it gets warm doesn't mean [the problem]

isn't there," Lee said. "We may be operating out of the back of my truck, but the service center will continue this summer."

Lee's goal is to have a full-time service center that will meet the needs of the majority of the homeless population, which the Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless stated in 2004 was 1,079, but estimated was up to 5,000, according to the City of Columbia Web site.

Lee said he knows that there are more than stated officially.

"I've been under the bridges and in the parks and I've seen them," he said.

Lynn Taylor at the Salvation Army agreed with Lee, saying that simply putting a roof over people's heads does not solve the problem of homelessness.

"Its more complex than a cot and a sandwich," Taylor said.

The Salvation Army also offers a broad range of services for the homeless of Columbia, including year-round shelter for \$60 a week. They are also open six days a week from 3 - 8 p.m. serving dinner.

Taylor said many of the people who make use of facilities like the Salvation Army and the service center may be working at minimum

wage, but still do not have permanent housing.

Taylor said that working with the Salvation Army and interacting with those who came in for their services made her realize how homelessness can affect a broad spectrum of people, as well as how a few wrong decisions can change someone's life.

"Until I came here six months ago, I lumped all homeless people in the same category," Taylor said.

Taylor and Lee both hope that the community of Columbia will band together in an initiative to solve homelessness.

"This is a community issue and the community needs to be involved," Lee said. "It needs to be built on the basis of caring, committed individuals forming groups."

Taylor said coordination among agencies is key.

"We need to make sure that there are no duplicated services in a more organized and intensified manner," she said.

Both praised efforts by faith-based groups to make a difference and encouraged even more group and individual involvement. As Lee said, "they are my fellow human beings, so why not help them out?"

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Leading researcher's lecture explores universe's beginning

*Prof. John Huchra
explains astronomical
age, size, content*

Justin Jones
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

A leading researcher, Harvard professor and president elect of the American Astronomical Society, Professor John Huchra gave a guest lecture in the USC Law School Auditorium entitled "The State of the Universe Report."

The lecture was sponsored by the American Astronomical Society and was part of the Harlow Sharpely lecture series.

This series brings leading members in the field of astronomy to various campuses around the nation to lecture about astronomical issues.

Huchra's lecture covered the "Hot Big Bang Theory," which is currently the leading model of the universe.

His lecture spanned a range of topics that the theory attempts to explain or determine, such as the age, size and content of the universe.

The lecture also explored several concepts concerning the origin, current state and possible future of the universe as well.

Some of the more interesting points of the lecture included the fact that the framework for the

modern view of the universe rests, for the most part, on ideas and discoveries from the 20th century.

Huchra also said the universe has no center and that it is geometrically flat.

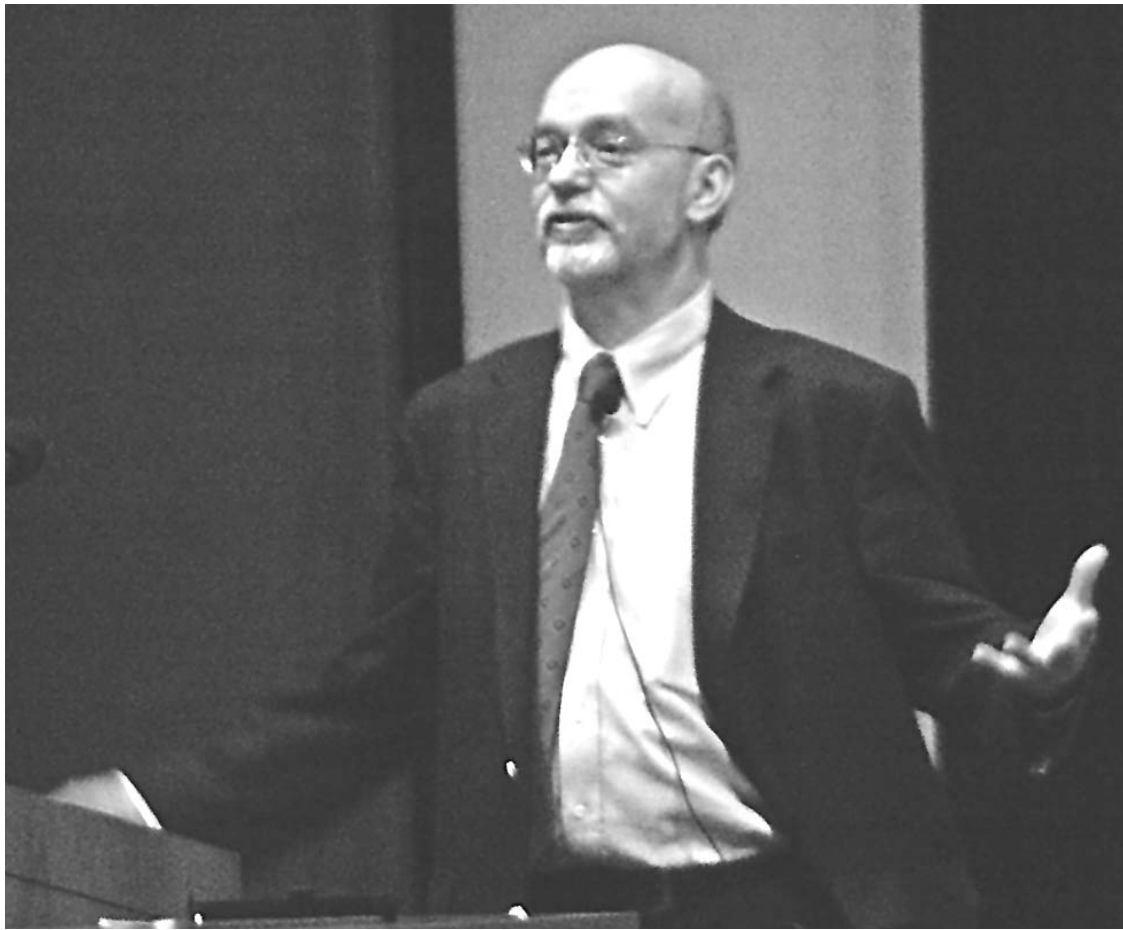
The lecture was well attended by a diverse crowd of students and professors.

Huchra was brief but thorough in his explanations of concepts and terms.

Following the lecture was a short question and answer session.

Student reaction to the lecture was positive with several students finding it both fascinating and informative.

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The lecture was sponsored by the American Astronomical Society and held at the USC Law Auditorium Wednesday. Guest speaker Prof. John Huchra spoke to a crowd of students.

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your opponents. Basketball is about winning and numbers. You always gotta be on top of your game to have an advantage so it's important.

TDG: Who is your favorite basketball player of all time and why?

Adams: I would go with Lisa Leslie, I mean, she went MVP. She has changed leagues so much, she has done it all. What's most impressive about her is she amplifies a feminine attribute that a lot of girls lose in basketball. They

feel like they have to get down and dirty to be the best. On the court it's ok to be competitive, but off the court you can be a feminine lady and she shows that and I really look up to that.

TDG: Where are you from and what do you like to do for fun in your hometown?

Adams: I am from a very, very small town in Bishopville, S.C. When I get a chance to go home I like to be centered around my family and people in my community.

—Sierra Kelly

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information on a daily basis," Soehl said. "I think it's a good effort, it helps bring some perspective."

Sarah Fry, a second-year biology student, said the Clothesline project was "pretty depressing," but important nonetheless.

"I think it's really awesome, I don't think many people realize what's going on," Fry said. "Especially in college,

where so many are affected."

Students who painted shirts were allowed to take them at the end of the project, and SHARE sold T-shirts commemorating Sexual Assault Awareness Week, reading "consent is sexy" for \$9. Sheeley said that response to these shirts has been good, with around 10 shirts being sold daily on Greene Street.

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Mixed feelings on possible bill

Senate weighs pros, cons of mandatory ultrasound viewing

Morgan Bradham
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The bill requiring women seeking abortions to first view the ultrasound image of their unborn child was heard at a state Senate subcommittee meeting Wednesday, although no action was taken.

If passed, Senate bill 84 and House bill 3355 will be the first of its sort according to the Associated Press. Some states make ultrasound images accessible before the abortion, but South Carolina would be the first state to require this action before the procedure.

Students at USC are having mixed reactions to the bill. “The ultrasound bill is unconstitutional,” said Tania Stewart, a fourth-year marketing student and co-president of Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance. “The lawmakers are defending themselves by saying that they are promoting an educated decision by simply trying to provide all of the information possible, but there is an agenda behind this in trying to stop women from having abortions in total.”

“I find it infuriating

that it is mandatory. The government does not force cancer patients to undergo chemo. I encourage each student to contact their representative and voice their opinion,” Stewart said.

Janet Parker a third-year broadcast journalism student, is also pro-choice, but she feels the ultrasound bill is good because it will give women a chance to think about what they are doing and about the fact that they are carrying a life inside of them.

The bill passed in the House 91-23 last week.

“There are a lot of concerns in the senate, especially with this being a sensitive issue,” said Senator Kevin Bryant (R-Anderson), who is in support of the bill. “When my wife was raising funds to purchase sonographic equipment for a crisis pregnancy center in Anderson, we discovered that 80 to 85 percent of women who view the ultrasound image earn respect for the child and carry it to term. The right to make the decision is still guaranteed to the patient, but this technology should at least be made available, if not required.”

Many supporters hope that women will change their mind after seeing the ultrasounds, but critics feel that the government is intimidating women by proposing this bill.

“The proposed ultrasound bill would be a positive change from the current law,” said Holly Hal, first-year fashion merchandising student. “It could save lives, making women feel guilty about aborting their baby.”

The bill presently has no stipulation to protect victims of rape or incest. An open subcommittee hearing was held Wednesday where senators heard testimony, but no action was taken.

“I have been extremely impressed with the public input,” said Sen. Bryant. “We have had six or seven hours of public testimony and everyone has been civil, despite the issues.”

According to the Code of South Carolina Laws Health Edition, the existing state laws include the 1994 Women’s Right to Know Act, which requires abortion practitioners to tell patients the age of their baby, information about fetal development, alternatives to abortion, as well as the various state and federal aid available, such as food stamps, Medicaid and the Women, Infants and Children program. The patient must certify she has reviewed the information then think about it for an hour before the abortion is performed.

Some students think existing state laws are enough and this new bill isn’t

necessary.

“I think that sometimes, a baby is better off simply not born, especially into poverty or abusive homes,” said Alyssa Lepaw, a first-year public relations student. “The law should remain as it is, because it is not fair that the government is restricting women, and making them feel guilty about their choice.”

Funding brings up another important question — where will the money to finance these ultrasounds come from? According to a local gynecologist and obstetrician, a first trimester sonogram usually costs between \$200 and \$250.

Sen. Bryant said the government has no intention of paying for the sonogram.

Stewart said the bill will place a financial burden on females, and that the efforts put into this bill would be better directed to more realistic sex education classes and more access to emergency contraceptives.

According to the protocol of the South Carolina General Assembly, in order for a bill to become a law it must be read three times on three separate days in each body, have the Great Seal of State put on it and has been signed by the Senate President and Speaker of the House.

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Women can’t be made to view an ultrasound

Seanna Adcox
The Associated Press

South Carolina Attorney General Henry McMaster told legislators Wednesday that doctors could be required to show women seeking an abortion an ultrasound image of their fetus, but the proposal may be unconstitutional if it’s interpreted to force an unwilling patient to view the image.

McMaster said the letter was intended to offer advice, a week after he testified the bill could survive a legal challenge.

“In my opinion, it would be illegal and improper for the state to force a person seeking an abortion to view

an ultrasound image against her will,” he wrote.

The legislation would require all women seeking an abortion to get an ultrasound — something done in most cases already to verify the fetus’ age, which state law mandates. It would also require the ultrasound images “be reproduced and reviewed with the mother” by a doctor or technician at the abortion clinic.

The Senate panel considering the bill listened to four hours of emotionally charged testimony from people on both sides of the issue but, for the second week, postponed making a decision. It will meet again in two weeks.

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USC Campus Wellness also provides HIV/AIDS awareness education programs like workshops and counseling. The program also provides free Orasure HIV testing to students who

want to know their status.

Raspberry said the fashion show was a good way to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS, especially among minorities.

“People may not know how to get tested or where to go,” Raspberry said. “Others may simply fear what the results may say. Bringing this issue

up through an attractive medium, like a fashion show, is a good way to educate people and ease the tension and fear surrounding it.”

On a state level, the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council offers programs like “I-C.A.R.E.” to provide awareness education and

resources for people living with HIV/AIDS.

“Like the commercial on BET says, ‘Wrap it up,’” Kinlaw said.

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New senate holds first discussion

Members debated USC smoking policy, approved nominees

Brad Maxwell
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

A new senate considered a resolution opposed to the expansion of USC’s smoking policy in its first discussion of legislation Wednesday.

Sen. Steve Smith, a third-year mathematics student, brought the resolution to the senate floor after a similar resolution did not pass in the last senate session.

“A very similar resolution passed in the RHA senate,” said Smith, Vice President of RHA Senate. “And I wanted to give a new senate the chance to vote and represent their constituency.”

The senate voted to refer

the resolution to the Student Services Committee for review.

Smith brought up many points concerning students’ civil liberties, student safety and freshmen required to live on campus being forced to abide by a rule banning smoking altogether. “I want to make clear we are not taking a stance on something that exists, but something that could exist in the future,” Smith said.

Sen. Ryan Holt, a first-year law student, was opposed to the legislation and felt it was a matter for the university to handle. “Let’s leave it up to USC’s attorneys to decide on civil liberties,” Holt said.

Sen. John Rabon, an education graduate student, was also opposed to the resolution and felt it contradicted legislation passed by the previous

senate.

Sen. Michael Baumann, a second-year journalism student, was in favor of the resolution and felt the 25-foot policy is enough to support a healthy Carolina.

“The senate shouldn’t be bound to what the previous senate has decided on,” said Baumann, a newly elected senator.

Sen. Blair Brackin, a first-year international business student, was also in support of the resolution and felt the safety issue was a little exaggerated.

“It’s important to keep in mind the entire campus,” Brackin said.

Nominees for the Executive Cabinet were also brought up for appointment by the senate Wednesday night.

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More applicants show USC makes the grade

From the looks of things, USC should be able to confidently cross itself off of the “safety school” list and seek out a new ranking on the “first choice” side.

At least, that’s what the 14,600 qualified freshmen applicants for the fall 2007 semester seem to believe.

This year’s number of first-year applicants, the highest number of Gamecock wannabes in university history, is so large that 1,500 have been asked to re-apply for the spring semester, according to The State newspaper.

This year’s number of Gamecock wannabes is the highest in the university’s history.

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Getting arrested insults brotherhood, morality fraternities started from



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Good morning, USC. Allow me first to apologize for this interruption, but for the sake of common sense, I thought we could mark this April the 5th by taking some time out of our daily lives to sit down and have a little chat.

There are, of course, those who do not want us to speak. I suspect even now, orders are being shouted into telephones and men with duct tape will soon be on their way. Why?

Because while the delete key may be used in lieu of conversation, words will always retain their power. Words offer the means to meaning, and, for those who will listen, the enunciation of truth.

And the truth is, dear readers, that my beloved campus has lost its mind.

Exhibit A: the article, written by Kathleen Kemp, on the bottom left front page of yesterday’s newspaper, in which the arrest of the Alpha Tau Omega President, Russ Shoemaker, and his Sigma Nu buddy was chronicled.

For those of you who don’t know, both Sigma Nu and Alpha Tau Omega were founded shortly after the Civil War, by James Frank Hopkins and

Otis Allan Glazebrook respectively, two men who saw that the true way to bind up the war wounds would be through fellowship and not heavy law enforcement.

These two visionaries set high standards of morality and honor for the fraternities, standards which have been blatantly marred by these students’ misbehavior. Now, apparently the public has lower expectations for social fraternities than I do because, as one online responder put it, “College kids drinking? Smoking pot? Who’d a thunk it?” However, in my view, if the head of an organization, the one who is supposedly a role model for the rest of the participants, is getting stoned and cracked out, what are we, the general populace, supposed to expect from the rest of them?

Speaking of the general public, that brings me to my other point.

Exhibit B: the online backlash as the brightest and best of the USC Whiners Corps. took to the Daily Gamecock Web site and started flooding

the space below the article with accusations of slander, personal attacks and straight-up lying. One particularly ineloquent writer even went so far as to tell Kemp to go to Hell.

Now, as misanthropic as I am, I can appreciate loyalty in just about any form. However, loyalty in the form of flat-out aggressive complaining is past ineffective, it’s downright annoying and stupid. One commenter said “no one cares.”

If the student body is really so apathetic, why bother descending upon the author with insults — but not one scrap of evidence to the contrary? Adam Ribock, in what I’m sure was supposed to be a serious argument, called the article an “obvious attack on Russ, ATO and Greek Life in general.”

I guess he must’ve missed that Kemp’s article was nothing but a reporting of facts. You know, like most news articles tend to be.

Don’t get me wrong, I am by no means trying to bash Greek Life. I think it’s a great social program where people can more or less do whatever they want with like-minded people.

But the leaders of those programs need to, at the very least, give the illusion of upstanding. Also, they need to send better arguers to defend them online.

IN YOUR OPINION

Fraternity deserves apology for article

I just feel I must contact someone about the article regarding ATO’s Russ Shoemaker. I myself am a member of ATO and a pledge brother of Russ. I feel that the letter regarding his arrest at Carolina Cup was not only an attack on Russ but on the entire fraternity, myself included. What was written may or may not be true, but even so the way it was written was very poor and should have never been allowed on the front page of The Daily Gamecock. Is it not necessary to mention that

none of the other members that were arrested were in the ATO fraternity? The article made it seem like ATO could quite possibly be the worst fraternity on campus, yet we won the award for fraternity of the month last month! I take this article as an attack on me as well as Russ and in my opinion, I feel someone should apologize for the blasphemy written in the paper.

Mack Harman

Second-year business student

ATO arrest report an attack on Greek life

I find it absolutely appalling that Kathleen [Kemp] would write an article on the recent arrests at Carolina Cup. This was an obvious attack on Russ [Shoemaker], ATO and Greek Life in general. I feel sorry for Kathleen in that she could not find any other news to write about, so she had to dig for allegations. I wish Russ the best of luck and hopefully people like Kathleen will find some newsworthy material before persecuting people on the front page.

Adam Ribock

Second-year finance student

Exercising only hurts you, should be avoided

Laziness is what God wants from you; why else would He create sports injuries?

I’d like to dedicate this week’s column to inertia. That’s right, I’m giving up on activity altogether. It just isn’t worth it. Chances are, you’re reading this column whilst



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wolfing a Thick-burger. Or, in a truly metaphorical twist, my story could be wrapped around a fresh batch of greasy fish and chips. Either way, convincing Americans to

be inactive is about as easy as convincing monkeys to be hilarious.

I’ve come to the conclusion that God hates exercise. Our bodies are not meant to be toned. Just look at those Renaissance paintings depicting Biblical times. Everyone’s all doughy and naked. Except for Christ, who’s ripped to shreds. But you’d think the Son of Man deserves some washboard abs. He died for our sins, right? The least we as humans can do is flatter him in a Da Vinci.

Anyway, my newfound boycott of exercise is the result of my recent running of the Cooper River Bridge. It’s a race that I’d always watched from afar until last year, when I decided to give it a whirl. My time was pretty crappy, but I finished it. That lit the flame of competition deep within my gut, and I decided that this year I’d do it for time.

So, like so many others, I migrated down to Charleston for the weekend. But not before a rigorous training regimen that included, like, three jogs. When the race began, I had to take my time a bit, as I was running with a friend who’d trained even less than I had. By the time we reached the bridge, however, I grew impatient and left him in my dust. I was weaving proudly through the masses like some crazed wildebeast, slapping high fives with all the onlookers and dousing myself dramatically at every water station.

I crossed the finish line in a blaze of glory, besting my previous year’s time by almost 15 minutes. I collected my commemorative medal, which I truly felt as though I earned. I’m pretty sure I left it at the Dippin’ Dots stand though. But nonetheless, I had once again conquered that beast of a bridge and had never felt better. Then my foot started hurting.

So now I have tendonitis, and am hobbling around campus like Tiny Tim, groping for walls and railings on which to stabilize myself.

I’ve finally come to realize that it just isn’t worth it. I can’t very well capitalize on my fleeting desire to maintain a running regimen if I can’t run without it feeling like a small alligator is gnawing on my foot. The doctor said I can run again in a few weeks. But I’d rather not anger God. So here I will stay, writing columns and checking blogs and doing everything I can to avoid tempting fate. Or maybe I’ll just train better next year.

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Supplemental Instruction, aimed at helping students succeed, is available for some of the most difficult classes at USC.

Inside look at SI system

Academic support program helps students improve grades by having their peers teach them concepts

Christine Scarpelli
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Supplemental Instruction, or SI, sessions are a recently established and convenient resource students can utilize to improve their grades in challenging courses. Provided at many locations on campus including the Thomas Cooper Library, the Coker and Jones Physical Science Center, they are easy to attend to receive individual and beneficial instruction.

This system was started by the University of Missouri in the '70s and was adopted by USC in the fall of 2004 as an academic support program. USC lacked a centrally coordinated office to run an academic program, and took interest in developing the Student Success Center along with Supplemental Instruction.

SI sessions are designed to support students who are taking particularly challenging classes through peer instruction, mentorship and the improvement of studying techniques. They are 50 minutes long and held for classes where in the past, about 30 percent of students earned a C or lower, or withdrew from the course. Some of these classes include Chemistry 111, Math 111, Biology 101 and Psychology 101 among others.

SI works closely with the department they offer sessions in and especially with the professor of each class. Sessions focus most on the material covered in recent lectures and what is going to be on the exam.

"By offering sessions in courses that students have to take earlier in their college careers, it will be easier to handle the transition to

harder material later on and increase the chances of graduation," said Assistant Director for Academic Success Initiatives Julie Holliday.

One or two undergraduate leaders who earned an A in the course in the past teach each session. These SI leaders are undergraduate students who are able to communicate the concepts and information to students well. Leaders are required to go through training periodically throughout the semester as well. Three sessions are offered per week and are convenient for students who need help in the afternoon hours when teaching assistants and professors might be unavailable.

Sessions are open to any student currently enrolled in the courses offered and students are encouraged to attend sessions throughout the semester, rather than just right before an exam. They are targeted to students of any academic situation, whether they are looking to keep an A in the class or raise their grade.

Typically, students who attend improve their grade by about half a letter and the more sessions are attended, the better grades tend to be.

When in an SI session, the goal is to provide help in a small and more concentrated atmosphere. The ratio is about one leader for every 100 students in the class, however sessions are much smaller. Students should bring questions they have on the material and any study guides given by the professor.

Leaders are encouraged to provide practical examples

SI LOOK ● 6

Try to reduce your impact

As environmental concerns grow, these recycle-friendly tips can help

Maura Clement
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

R-E-C-Y-C-L-E, at least that's what School House Rock tells America's youth. However, in a world harboring "an inconvenient truth," recycling alone is not enough to combat man's destructive effect on the environment.

Instead of focusing attention on recycling a small percentage of waste, Americans need to commit to reducing the amount of wasted water, energy and materials.

As citizens of the world, each individual needs to make a commitment to our future and our children's future. Here are a few easy ways to ensure a better world for tomorrow:

Get it "for here." Think of how many Styrofoam containers are in the Russell House garbage cans every day and how few trays are on the dish carousel. If you are going to sit and eat your food at the dining hall, get your meal on a plate and

use metal silverware. Just say, "It's for here." If all approximately 27,390 USC students threw away one less container a week for the last month of school, we would save 109,560 containers from being dumped into

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America's landfills.

Reduce and reuse your plastics. Not making garbage in the first place eliminates the worry about disposing or recycling it later. Each year, Americans throw away over 100 billion polyethylene plastic bags — from grocery and trash bags to Ziploc bags. Don't

take a bag at the grocery store if you only have a few items. Bring a bag from your last trip with you and use that one again. Use old grocery bags as garbage bags too. Use Tupperware or aluminum foil instead of Ziplocs. Use water bottles more than once by refilling them with tap water. Recycle the bottles instead of throwing them out. Our society has made us turn a blind eye to extreme waste.

Conserve fossil fuels. When buying a car, consider if you really need that gas-guzzling SUV or pick-up truck. Choose a realistic vehicle for your needs and try to find the best fuel economy in its class. Each gallon of gas releases some 25 pounds of heat-trapping carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Better gas mileage helps reduce global warming and will save dollars at the pump over time.

Unplug often. Whenever you can manage without them, unplug your energy-draining appliances

IMPACT ● 6

Boxer's brand packs punch

Muhammad Ali's GOAT health food offers options

Maura Clement
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Three-time heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali is back in the ring with a mind to knock out obesity in young adults.

Ali and his business partner, Peter Arnell, are trying to provide daily nutrition to 18 to 24-year-olds with the launching of a new line of low-calorie snack foods called GOAT — Greatest Of All Time. Themed around Ali's influence as a legendary boxer, the logo is the letter "G" in the shape of a boxing glove.

GOAT foods are marketed as healthy snacks, instead of as a "weight loss" scheme. They encourage a healthy, active lifestyle and positive self esteem. The snack wrappers bear Ali's own words such as, "You can't stop a real champ" and, "It



ain't braggin' if you can do it."

GOAT emphasizes nutritional value of each snack. GOAT foods are all less than 150 calories per serving and one serving contains as much calcium as a glass of milk. GOAT currently markets three types of snack foods: Rumble, Shuffle and Jabs.

Rumble fruit crumbles are vitamin-packed snack bars that contain a whole day's serving of fruit. Nutritionally, the bars are low-calorie and only have one gram of fat in each bar. For fruit fans, an apple punched Rumble may be a

good breakfast food to start off the day.

However, the bar's large pieces of dried fruit are more appealing in some flavors than others. The Who's the Mango? Rumble and the Fruit Fight Rumble taste like average, not-so-yummy health bars. These flavors are definitely less appealing than other breakfast bar alternatives.

Shuffle energy crunches are a single serving of dry mix and provide a tasty, low fat blend of protein and carbohydrates. The crunches resemble trail

GOAT ● 6

Study: ads target kids

Healthy snacks often go unrepresented on children's shows

Stephen J. Hedges
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Children eight to 12 years old are exposed to an average of 21 television food advertisements each day, commercials that predominantly push candy, snacks and other unhealthy foods contributing to childhood obesity. Fully half the ads on children's programs involve the sale of food items.

And they're not pushing healthy foods. "The vast majority of the foods that kids see advertised on television today are for products that nutritionists would tell us they need to be eating less of, not more of," said Vicky Rideout, a vice president at the Kaiser Family Foundation, which reported the research Wednesday as part of what Kaiser billed as the first comprehensive study of food advertising and children.

The Kaiser study expands on a 2005 Institute of Medicine report that found a link between food advertising and children's food preferences. That earlier study on childhood obesity said the food industry "should develop and strictly adhere to marketing and advertising guidelines that minimize the risk of obesity in children and youth."

Major food manufacturers have promised to do just that, pledging that half of their advertising targeting children

will include messages that promote healthy food and physical activities. That effort is still being developed, however.

Over the past 30 years, the obesity rate in children ages six to 11 has jumped from four to 19 percent. For children aged two to five, the rate has increased from five to 14 percent. For kids 12 to 19 years old, it rose from five to 17 percent.

About 34 percent of the ads kids viewed were for candy and snacks, 28 percent were for cereal and 10 percent were for fast foods, the study found. Four percent of the ads pitched dairy products, and just one percent marketed fruit juice.

Of the 8,854 commercials the Kaiser study included, none were for fruits or vegetables.

The study focused exclusively on the amount and content of food advertising aimed at children, and not on their purchasing behavior, or that of their parents, as a result of the commercials they viewed.

Kaiser found that the children aged eight to 12 view an average of 7,600 food-related commercials each year. Teens aged 13 to 17 viewed 17 food ads a day, or 6,000 a year. Children ages two to eight years saw the fewest food ads at 12 a day, or 4,400 a year.

By contrast, children eight to 12 years old are exposed to about 12 seconds of public service advertising on nutrition and health each day, the study found.

Most of the food ads examined by Kaiser emphasized taste and fun and then uniqueness as primary selling points, the study



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A recent study by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that food commercials on many channels target young children.

found.

Health and nutrition were the primary topics of one percent of the food ads the study reviewed. One in nine of the ads featured kids involved in physical activity, such as soccer or basketball or cycling.

Seven percent included incentives such as free toys as part of their appeal, while four percent used a contest to promote the food product, usually a candy, snack food or soda.

The study was based on 1,638 hours of television viewing. The programs included those on ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC, PBS, UPN and the old WB network, as well as cable channels ABC Family, BET, the Cartoon

Network, Disney, MTV and Nickelodeon.

The study found that three cable networks — ABC Family, Cartoon Network and Nickelodeon — featured the largest amount of food advertising with 3 minutes 31 seconds of such ads each hour. That amount, researchers said, made up nearly a third of the advertising time on those networks.

At a forum to discuss the Kaiser study Wednesday, advertising and food industry representatives said they were taking steps to include healthier messages in their ads, and to include healthier ingredients in products in order to promote them.

"If you look across our portfolio in our marketing,

and I say, 'Give us a chance to see what we can do,'" said Peeler, answering criticism about the lack of a deadline for those advertising reforms. "Showing Ronald McDonald riding a bicycle or anyone else riding a bicycle is not going to be enough to help meet the criteria of the program."

But Margo Wootan, director of nutrition policy at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, was skeptical. "In reality, what we'll see are candy bar ads with physical activity messages in them," she said. "What the Kaiser Family study shows today is that self-regulation isn't working."

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of confusing material and motivate students to study.

"Students have said that they feel more comfortable asking questions to their peers rather than a professor in a large class setting," Holiday said. "The most important thing is for students to attend on a regular basis and begin early on in the semester so as to boost their results and maintain good grades."

This and much more information including which classes are offered and locations and times is provided on the SI Web site at www.sa.sc.edu/supplementalinstruction.

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especially your mini-fridge or freezer. If you leave your dorm or apartment over breaks or even for the weekend, unplugging your appliances will save electricity.

Even if utilities are included in your living arrangements like with USC campus housing, conserving that electricity helps the environment.

Get involved. SAGE (Students Allied for Greener Earth) is hosting Earth Day on Wednesday, April 18. Be sure to stop by the tables on Greene Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for fun and educational booths about current environmental issues. If you want to

make a difference here on campus, join SAGE. The group works with the University on a variety of environmental campaigns including the university LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) policy and recycling, especially in the dorms. Primarily SAGE wants the University to commit to building more "green" buildings like West Quad which use 45 percent less energy and 20 percent less water than similarly sized traditional residence halls. SAGE meets Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. in the West Quad Learning Center.

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mixes with unique flavors including Thrill-a Dill-a, Big Bad BBQ and Hot Picnic Chik! The best thing about Shuffle snacks is their individual packages contain just enough for a reasonable serving size. The flavors are very specific and may not appeal to everyone. The Thrill-a Dill-a crunches are delicious, but only if you like pickles.

Jabs are energy crisps loaded with vitamins, minerals, proteins,

antioxidants and nutrients. Like the crunches, Jabs also have bold flavors like Holy Guacamole, which might appeal to fans of spicy foods. While being relatively low in calories, Jabs come in packages of three servings so it would be easy to over eat.

The snacks are divided up into six "rounds" which indicate the nutritional value of each type. For example, the Rumble vitamin powered fruit crumbles are round six, loaded with vitamins and

minerals and containing a whole serving of fruit.

With the current concerns about obesity, encouraging younger generations to commit to healthy living has become a necessity.

Ali's successful marketing and positive message make GOAT snacks stand out as nutritious snacks that, with a few exceptions, are tasty alternatives to regular snack foods.

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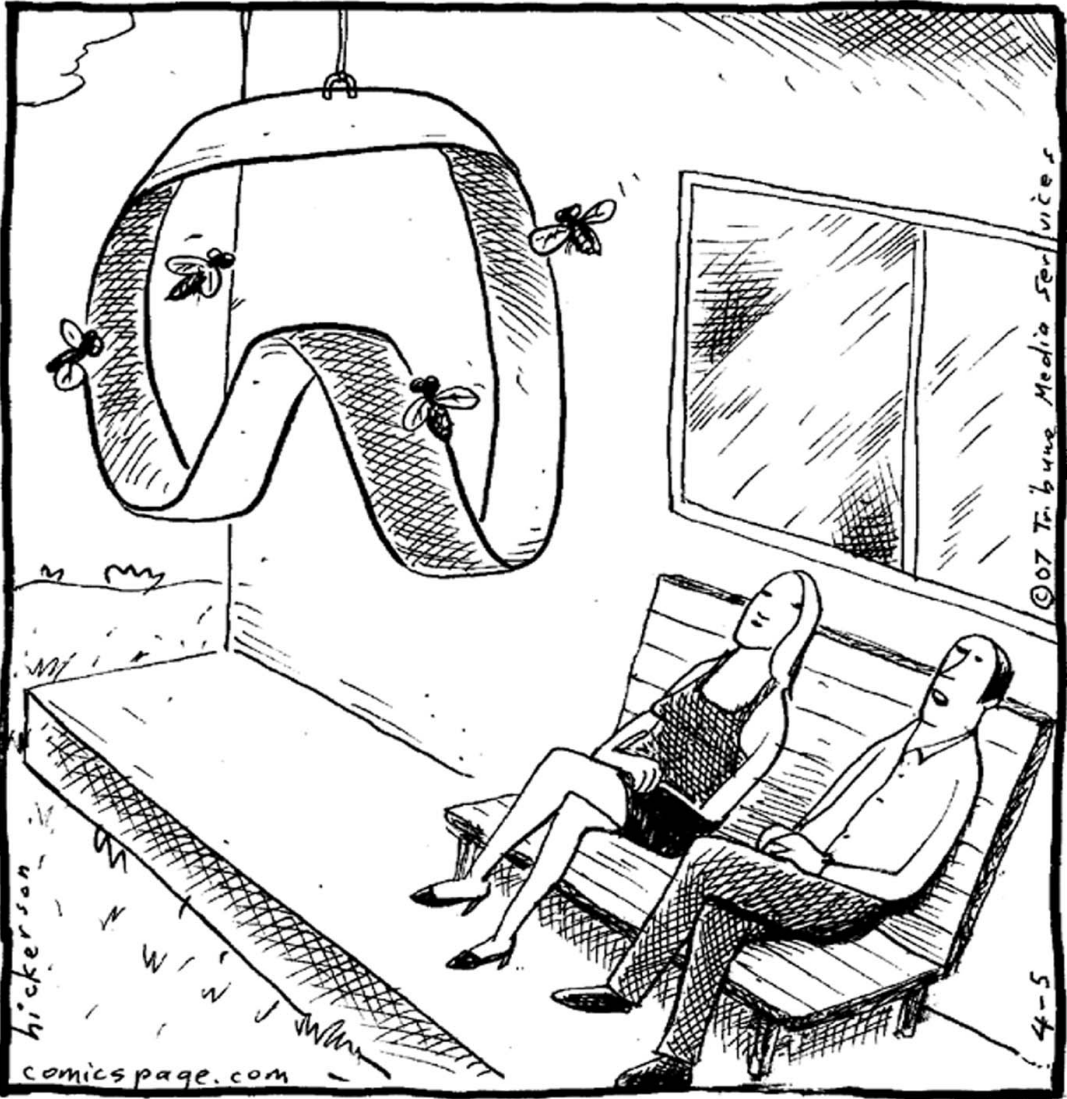
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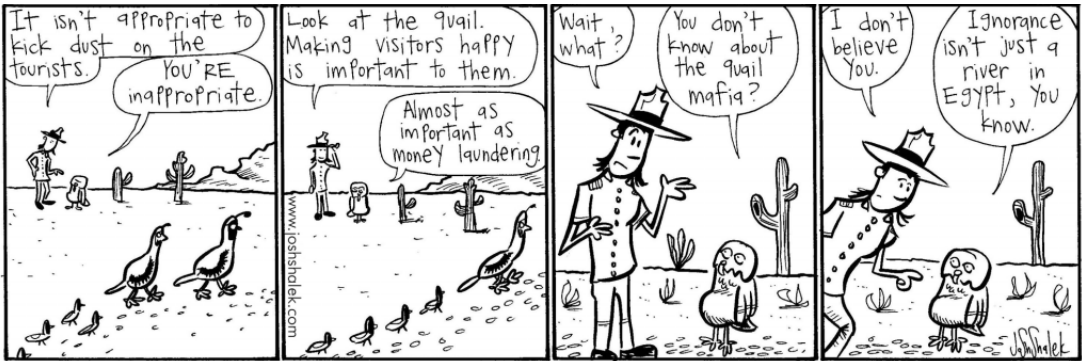
The Daily Show comedian Mo Rocca speaks at the Koger Center Tuesday night. He instructed the crowd on how to become a TV personality, aka “a talking head.”

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“Rather than killing the insects, the Möbius strip gives them a geometric spatial transformation.”

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Complete the grid so each row, column AND 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

Solutions to Wednesday's Sudoku

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Aries You’ve been rich and you’ve been poor, and rich is often more comfortable.

Taurus Get the information to your teammates, so they can advance. If you provide support, they’ll do most of everything else.

Gemini You’re working hard but it’s less fun when you’re not making very much money.

Cancer You’re so cute and so popular now, you can talk just about anybody into just about anything.

Leo You may be tempted to run away and leave your troubles behind. Unfortunately, that’s not possible.

Virgo Hide out and study, even if friends want you to come over and play. The preparation you do now will help you succeed in the next competition.

Libra Keep your nose to the grindstone, and your mouth shut. Don’t talk about what you’re doing. Stay busy and get rich.

Scorpio You’re intensely focused and the job is sure to get done. You will go to extraordinary means to make sure that happens.

Sagittarius It’s hard to curtail your enthusiasm. Don’t get into trouble by talking about something that should be kept quiet for a while longer.

Capricorn You’re the one with the information everybody’s seeking.

Aquarius They say time equals money but what about your thoughts? If they take up a lot of your time, can you turn them into cash? The answer is yes, if you can prove it.

Pisces Actually, you’re doing quite well. You may not be certain about which path to take, but you are making really good time. And pretty good money, too.

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Solutions from Wednesday

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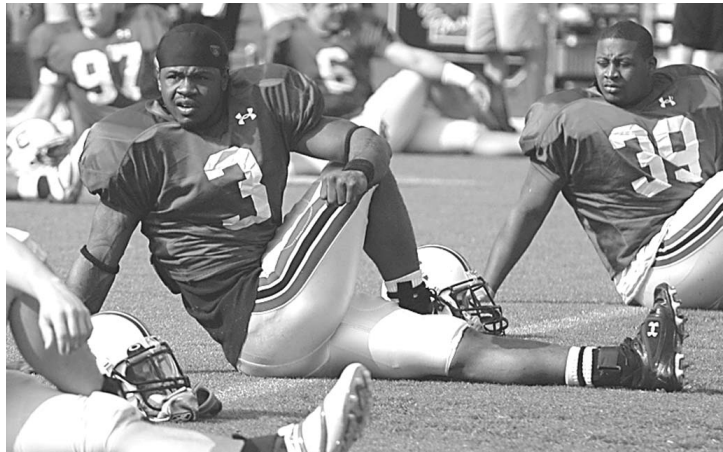
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Juan Blas / THE DAILY GAMECOCK
Senior tailback Cory Boyd has a firm hold on his starting job, but juniors Rank and Wallace are hoping to impress.

Spurrier: new players need a rowdy crowd

Austin Collins
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Carolina football team practiced for a little more than an hour and a half Wednesday night at the Proving Grounds in their third week of spring practice. The Gamecocks will conclude the week Friday with an intra-squad scrimmage at Williams-Brice Stadium.

Head coach Steve Spurrier hopes there will be a large number of fans at the scrimmage, saying that his players get “nervous” when there are people watching and that the coaching staff will be able to determine who can play under pressure.

“We’ll scrimmage Friday at about 3:30, so anybody that wants to come out it will be free admission,” Spurrier said. “Hopefully some people will come out, students, anyone. Come on out Friday afternoon. We’d love to have you in the stadium”

As for Wednesday’s practice, Spurrier was complimentary of the progress made so far this spring by two of his defensive backs, juniors Stoney Woodson and Carlos Thomas.

“Stoney Woodson has improved from last year’s play. Stoney didn’t play all that super last year and has played very solidly,” Spurrier said. “Carlos Thomas is much improved. He didn’t have much of a year either. He has been very improved.”

Stoney Woodson and Carlos Thomas are both

working with the first-team defense at cornerback, a defense that Spurrier said he expects to be “much improved from last year.”

Despite their improvements, Spurrier said that Thomas and Woodson will have to fight to keep their spots in the depth chart once the freshmen from this year’s recruiting class make it to campus.

“We’ve got a bunch of freshmen that are going to come in and try to beat them out, and they’ll have a chance to beat them out,” Spurrier said. “We’ll see how it all plays out with all these freshmen.”

Some players already on campus who have a chance to improve their standing with a good scrimmage Friday are third-and-fourth-string running backs Taylor Rank and Bobby Wallace. With Mike Davis sidelined due to injury, and Cory Boyd already having proved himself, the scrimmage will be important for Rank and Wallace.

“Taylor had an excellent scrimmage last week. He was very good,” Spurrier said. “Bobby makes some runs here and there and then he misses some every now and then. I hope he has a couple big runs on Friday. He’s very capable.”

Spurrier said he expects most everyone to be able to participate in the scrimmage Friday including starting left tackle Jamon Meredith, who injured his ankle in last Saturday’s scrimmage.

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USC shuts out Paladins

Junior pitcher Hempy has 5 strong innings

Nick Steyn
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Carolina 10
Furman 0

The Carolina Gamecocks met expectations with a 10-0 victory over the Furman Paladins on Wednesday — despite an unforeseen stalemate through the first five innings.

Junior lefthander Arik Hempy took the mound for the Gamecocks in his second start of the season. Last season, his time was cut short by an arm injury, but after Thursday’s game, Hempy said that his arm was back to normal.

“I was happy with the performance of my arm,” he said. “The strength of it stayed in. I didn’t get tired. I didn’t get fatigued.”

Hempy nursed a 1-0 lead until leaving in the fifth inning.

Coach Ray Tanner said he is considering using Hempy in the weekend rotation in the near future after the pitcher’s strong performance.

“I said, ‘We did our rehab assignments. Now we’re in the performance phase. You want to get yourself on the schedule a little bit, you need to show us a little bit out there,’” Tanner said.

Hempy finished with five innings pitched, five strikeouts, two hits and two walks.

The lone run of the first half came off a sacrifice fly in the second inning by junior second baseman Travis Jones. Sophomore centerfielder Andrew Crisp was able to score after reaching on a dropped third strike.

All was quiet until the sixth inning until Furman right-hander Ian Parry came on to pitch. Parry saw all nine hitters as the Gamecocks scored five runs on five hits and a walk.

“Give Furman credit,”



Juan Blas / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Gamecocks hitters dug out 12 base hits Wednesday while the Paladins had just four.

Tanner said. “They made pitches in there and they threw some breaking balls in good counts and we weren’t able to make adjustments.

But we ran the bases pretty well and had a couple hit-and-runs that went down successfully, so that broke it up for us a little bit.”

The Gamecocks followed with productive seventh and eighth innings.

Junior rightfielder Harley Lail had two hits, two RBIs and two runs. His production was matched by Jones and sophomore shortstop Reese Havens, who each had two RBIs and a stolen base.

The win represents the fifth shutout of the season for Carolina, who will face SEC rival Florida in Gainesville this weekend.

“We’re playing a team that’s playing their very best, and they’re coming off of a national championship in hoops,” said Tanner. “They’re having a celebration at 6:30 at the O’Connell Center and we’re playing at 7:30 next door. I’m sure they’re trying to get some spillover.”

Parting Shots- Pitcher Mike Cisco will no longer be starting on the weekends. Cisco had two short outings against Vanderbilt last Saturday and Mississippi State the

previous weekend.

Tanner claims that Hempy’s rehab stint is no longer a tryout. Hempy is now trying out for a weekend starting position claims the coach.

Hempy threw 77 pitches from the mound Wednesday night and threw five scoreless innings. Hempy is recovering from Tommy John surgery suffered when he injured his shoulder seven starts into last season. The Gamecocks next home game is next Friday against Auburn at 7 p.m.

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What’s in a name? A roster position

Annual NCAA tournament offers another chance at All-Name Team greatness

Another year, another NCAA basketball tournament and another pathetic bracket filled out by yours truly.

Like every year, my bracket turned out exactly like the Duke Blue Devils: incredible at the beginning but awful down the stretch. I started out picking 28 of the 32 first-round games correctly and went downhill from there.

My bracket was completely destroyed when Kansas, my national champion, lost to UCLA in the Elite Eight.

I know - that’s what I get for trusting Bill Self and Kansas, but I thought even

Self couldn’t underachieve with the most talented team in the country. Judging by his past tournament performances, his career is devoted entirely to proving me wrong.

With that said, it’s now time for me to pick something at which I’m much better than determining winners and losers.

That’s right. It’s the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament All-Names Team.

Simply put, it’s a team of the best names in the tournament. I made an All-Names Team for football in the fall, and the same rules apply. No Daves, Steves or Johns are considered, unless, of course, there is a hyphen in the middle or an “e” has been replaced by a “3.”

Dave has no chance of making this team, but any “Da-v3s” would be first-teamers.

Who can forget Bill Raftery shrieking “It’s feeding time for the Pittsnogles!” when West

Virginia opened up an early lead against Texas in last year’s tournament? It wouldn’t have been nearly as memorable had it been Collins, Gansey, Young or any of the other Mountaineers players.

Commentators Raftery and Gus Johnson are ideal for this kind of team. Raftery is the loveable version of Dick Vitale, mainly because when he tries to be funny, he’s actually funny, unlike Vitale. Johnson will likely be the first commentator to blow out television speakers during a broadcast. That is, of course, if CBS would give him some higher-profile games, ship Jim Nantz to Augusta a week early and send Billy Packer a wholly incorrect schedule.

This year’s tournament field provided plenty of great names. Unlike the football All-Names Team, this group of athletes would be very competitive against any other team in the country. This team will send the fans into fits of joy, the commentators into

convulsions and spell check into overdrive. Some of the picks were no-brainers, while others were personal favorites of mine.

Arizona’s Mustafa Shakur combines two historical icons, Mustafa from “The Lion King” and Tupac Shakur. Churchill and Chamberlain from Oregon obviously warranted selections, however it was disappointing there was not an Attlee on the Ducks’ roster.

Reyshawn Terry makes the list based on the spelling of his first name alone. I added Roy Hibbert out of hope that someone besides me starts calling him Dr. Julius Hibbert. Nate Funk’s name is short, to the point and, believe it or not, downright funky.

Our coach is Mike Krzyzewski. Our card is American Express. Our new best friends are the referees.

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NCAA Tournament All-Name Teams

First Team

Forward — Luc Richard Mbah a Moute, UCLA
Forward — Egidijus Budrikis, Oral Roberts
Center — Antanas Kavaliauskas, Texas A&M
Guard — Pierre Marie Altidor-Cespedes, Gonzaga
Guard — Ibrahim Jaaber, Penn

Second Team

Forward — Ekene Ibekwe, Maryland
Forward — Reyshawn Terry, North Carolina
Center — Idong Ibok, Michigan State
Guard — Nate Funk, Creighton
Guard — Mustafa Shakur, G — Arizona

Third Team

Forward — Othello Hunter, Ohio State
Forward — Derrick Character, Louisville
Center — Abdoulaye N’Diaye USC
Guard — Paco Diaw, G — Georgia Tech
Guard — Brady Morningstar, G — Kansas

Honorable Mentions

Center — Benson Egemonye, Niagra
Center — Roy Hibbert, Georgetown
Forward — Bambale Osby, Maryland
Forward — Regis Koundjia, George Washington
Forward — Lazar Heyward, Marquette
Guard — Max Paulhus Gosselin, Davidson
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Bernhard Langer and Colin Montgomerie stroll to the 13th hole during Tuesday’s practice.

Masters legacy strong

Big names, drives are important to win at Augusta this week

Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods doesn’t own the lowest score on the back nine at Augusta National, nor the most memorable. But that 30 he posted in the first round in 1997 sent him to a record-setting victory at the Masters that ultimately changed many things.

Starting with the golf course.

“There were two par 5s, and I could handle those,” Woods recalled. “No. 17 was short at the time. No. 11 was short at the time. No. 14 was short at the time, only a 3-wood and a sand wedge.”

There is nothing short about Augusta National now except the distance between the practice green and the first tee.

The course has been stretched more than a quarter-mile since Woods’ first victory, and each change seems to reduce the number of realistic contenders.

That explains why Woods and Phil Mickelson have won five of the last six Masters and are the heavy favorites when the 71st edition of this tournament begins Thursday.

And maybe that’s why some of the shorter hitters wonder if they’re only here to smell the flowers.

The annual assumption is that only a dozen or guys can think about a green jacket, a familiar list of power players that range from Ernie Els to Vijay Singh, from Henrik Stenson to Geoff Ogilvy.

Woods and Mickelson probably have never had a conversation in the champions locker room like the one that took place early

this week downstairs where the regulars hang out.

Paul Goydos hasn’t been to the Masters in 11 years, and he was asking Scott Verplank what club he hit into a certain hole.

Verplank never gave him a chance to say which hole, probably because it didn’t matter.

“Wood,” he replied.

Verplank qualified for this Masters by finishing among the top 16 a year ago. And he was quick to point out that Tim Clark was the runner-up to Mickelson, and Chris DiMarco gave Woods all he could handle the year before that.

“It can be done,” Verplank said. “But it does put a handful of guys at a much greater advantage, and those guys all hit the ball farther than I do.

I was playing a practice round with Davis Love III, and he’s launching it 300 yards to the top of the hill on the first hole. I’m just hoping I can see the green.”

Steve Stricker was in weekend contention in 2001, the year Woods won his fourth straight major. That also was the last year before club officials began super-sizing the golf course, and Stricker found himself in foreign territory when he returned for practice rounds this year.

Rain loomed in the gray skies Wednesday morning, the final day of practice, but the clouds soon scattered and gave way to blue skies and what might be a warm week. That would make the fairways firm and fast (the greens always seem to be that way) and allow these guys a little more distance off the tee, a club or two shorter into the greens.

Resignation comes from seeing Woods and Mickelson, imposing off the tee and in their green jackets.

Inspiration comes from Mike Weir, who won in 2003 on a fairly brittle course

after the first big batch of changes.

But there is a noticeable change in the optimism of those not blessed with power, certainly different than their hopes when they go to the U.S. Open, British Open or PGA Championship, depending on the course. “I’m much more optimistic at the other ones,” Jeff Sluman said. “I’m not waving the white flag or anything, but with all the changes it’s very difficult for my type of game.”

Along with adding yardage, Augusta National has tried to restore accuracy by adding trees right of the 11th fairway and between the 15th and 17th fairways, and various hole locations demand the tee shot be placed on the proper side of the fairway. So it’s not like someone can stand on the tee box and swing from the heels.

“The harder it is, the more guys have a chance,” David Toms said. “The more the Masters resembles a U.S. Open, the more guys are brought back into the tournament.”

The course measured a mere 6,925 yards in 1996, the last time Goydos played. He already found one advantage when he played the new Augusta National — he didn’t have to worry about the bunker on No. 1 because he couldn’t reach it.

Plus, he figures there is more to golf than power, even at the Masters.

“If they decide driving accuracy is the most important part of the game, the money list at the year of the year would have Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Ernie Els,” Goydos said. “All they do is play the game that is presented to them. Did anyone watch the British Open last year? How many fairways did Tiger miss? None?”

“These guys win because they’re champions. They win everywhere,” Goydos said.

Tennis team takes on Cats

Carolina’s women tied for first place in the SEC East, looking to build lead

Michael Aguilar
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Gamecock women’s tennis team is riding a seven-game winning streak into their match against No. 26 Kentucky this Friday. During the streak, Carolina has downed a ranked team in No. 16 Tennessee and flattened Arkansas and Alabama.

Carolina has moved up ten spots from last week’s ranking and comes in at No. 22 in the nation. The ranking is as high a ranking as Carolina has seen since March 2006.

Now the Wildcats come to town looking to take away the ranking the Gamecocks have worked so hard this season to achieve.

Both teams are looking to improve their records going into the SEC tournament. This is Carolina’s last home match before the

tournament. After Friday’s match against Kentucky, the Gamecocks face Vanderbilt and Florida, allowing the team an opportunity to break a current logjam in the SEC standings. The momentum swing against Kentucky will be tantamount to its placement in the SEC tournament.

Although Kentucky is coming off two straight losses, it is not a team to be trifled with. The Wildcats dropped a match to No. 3 Georgia and another match to No. 24 Tennessee. Those matches halted Kentucky’s nine-match winning streak.

The Gamecocks have been shining of late and players like sophomore Gira Schofield and freshman Ana Majira Zubori have been instrumental.

Schofield is the Gamecock’s No. 1 singles player and has won five of

her last six matches. Two of those five victories came against players ranked in the top thirty at the time of the match, carrying Schofield to the No. 55 singles ranking in the nation.

Schofield teams up with Zubori as Carolina’s No. 1 doubles threat.

The pair is ranked No. 32 in the nation and are 17-7 overall for the Gamecocks this year.

Carolina holds a perfect 10-0 record this year when playing in Columbia. A victory against Kentucky would not only maintain that perfect record but it would give the Gamecocks a positive step towards their toughest competition of the season to date.

The match begins at 2 p.m. Friday.

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SPORTSBRIEFS

The baseball team travels to Gainesville, Fla. this week to battle the red-hot Gators. No. 22 Florida knocked off top-ranked Florida State 16-7 on Tuesday. The Gators are led by senior Matt LaPorta.

The first baseman has been named SEC Player of the Week for the second consecutive week. He has homered in his last six consecutive games.

The Gators bring with them a seven game winning

streak, which include victories at Auburn and Georgia.

They do, however, have losses against Jacksonville, Kent State and Stetson this season.

Friday’s game has been changed from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday’s game is still set for 4 p.m. with Sunday’s finale at 1 p.m. Sunday’s game will be televised live on ESPN.

The game is for first place in the SEC East.

Carolina junior Natasha Hastings has been named USA Track & Field’s Athlete of the Week after setting three records at this past weekend’s Weems Baskin Sprint Relays in Columbia. It is the second time she has been named the USATF Athlete of the Week in the last month.

—Brian Saal

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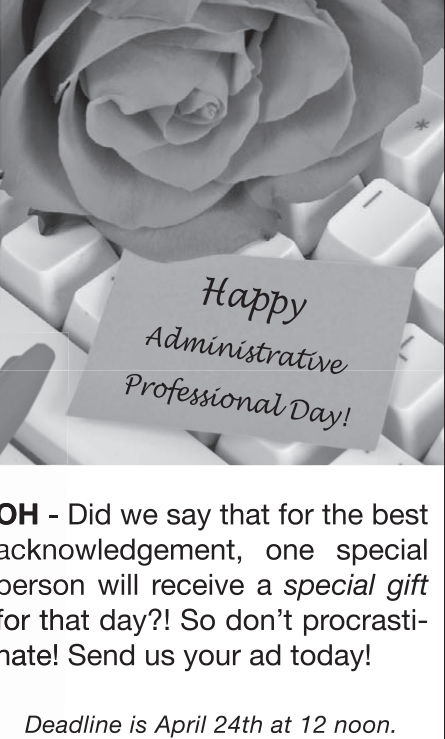


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